

**A N N U A L
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**TOWN OF
C H E S T E R
New Hampshire**



**For the Year Ending
DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST
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OF THE

**Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Clerk,
Highway Agent and Trustees of Trust Funds**

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31

1954

News-Enterprise Press

Derry, N. H.

1954
TOWN OFFICERS 1954

MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK

Carrie A. Richardson

SELECTMEN

John A. West, 1955

Austin C. Hunt, 1956

Harry W. Roberts, 1957

OVERSEER OF POOR

Harry W. Roberts

TOWN TREASURER

Florence L. Herrick

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

REPRESENTATIVE

Robert C. Hazelton

POLICE OFFICERS

Lester J. Lewis, Chief

Maurice G. Colman, Special

Wilbur P. Hunt, Special

Fred MacDonald, Special

Charles Olivier, Special

John P. Marshall, Special, Dog Officer

ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

HEALTH OFFICER

Fred H. MacDonald

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ernest S. Edwards

Alvah G. Healey

Maurice G. Colman

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Eugene E. Gannon, 1955 Walter P. Tenney, 1956
Mildred F. Hunt, 1957

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Maurice G. Colman, 1955 Rose C. Learnard, 1956
Ella A. Allen, 1957

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Harry C. Edwards, 1955 Bert Warren, 1956
Josiah C. Richardson, 1957

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Charles A. Morse, 1955 William B. Wason, 1956
Austin C. Hunt, 1957 Maurice G. Colman, 1958
Byron D. Mills, 1959

TRUSTEES OF THE WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME

Byron D. Mills, 1955 Ella A. Allen, 1956
Philip G. Hazelton, 1957 Austin C. Hunt, 1958
Ethel M. Warren, 1959

TOWN AUDITORS

Russell Underwood Philip G. Hazelton
Lewis J. Gordon

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eugene Tenney Samuel Douglas
James Eustis Walter Lane
Charles Olivier

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wilbur P. Hunt
Tel. 19-3, Chester, N. H.

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett
Tel. 4-4, Chester, N. H.

CUSTODIAN OF STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL

Fred H. MacDonald

LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE LEADER

John H. Carson

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO
TOWN MEETING

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the county of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: (L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: Propose to close polls at 6 o'clock, article 2, and all articles thereafter to be taken up at 8:00 P. M. except article 24.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to gravel and mix in place (black top) the Charles Smith road so-called.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$552.14 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$3,680.92.
7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$16,600.00 for the purpose of making improvements to the following class V roads within the Town. Road No. 65 (North

Chester Road, so-called) beginning at end of black top and continuing to road No. 85 (Birch Road, so-called) such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Provisions of Chapter 83, Laws of 1951, as amended by Chapter 31, Laws of 1953, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Chester.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and its share of the cost of Old Age Assistance.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,540.08 for Street Lights.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Dump.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Cemeteries.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding 1/100 of one per cent of the Town's Valuation bases on the 1954 assessment, to the Merrimac Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advan-

tages and resources of the Town in cooperation with the other 37 communities in this region, or act relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to retire the Great Hill Cemetery Notes.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town, through Tax Collectors' deeds, at Public Auction.

21. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to make a complete reappraisal of the lands and other property within the Town to equalize valuation in accordance to law, and raise and appropriate money for the purpose.

22. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

23. To see what action the Town wishes to take in regard to the report of the Zoning Committee appointed, by the Moderator, at the last annual meeting.

24. To see what action the Town will take by ballot on the following questions, Shall the provisions of Chapter 171A of the revised laws relative to playing Beano be adopted in this Town. Only organizations having been registered in the Town of Chester over two (2) years can run said Beano.

25. To see what discount will be allowed on April 1955 assessment of taxes paid on or before August 1, 1955 or within ten days of presentation of tax bill, and take any vote relating thereto.

26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

27. To Transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February,
in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty five,

John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
Selectmen of Chester

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
Selectmen of Chester

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January
Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan-

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954 | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954 | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955 |
|---|--|---|---|
| From State: | | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax -- | \$2,500.00 | \$2,193.91 | \$2,000.00 |
| Railroad Tax ----- | 5.00 | 4.59 | 4.50 |
| Savings Bank Tax ----- | 140.00 | 41.03 | 40.00 |
| For Fighting Forest Fires -- | | 28.35 | |
| Rembursement a/c Old Age Assistance ----- | | 201.63 | |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | | | |
| Dog Licenses ----- | 350.00 | 394.32 | 350.00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees ----- | 10.00 | 12.00 | 10.00 |
| Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings ----- | 150.00 | 225.50 | 150.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds ---- | | 728.00 | |
| Income of Departments: | | | |
| Highway, including rental of equipment ----- | | 20.00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees -- | 3,500.00 | 4,325.39 | 3,500.00 |
| Withdrawals from Capital Re- serve Funds ----- | | 1,982.15 | |
| Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds Or Notes: | | | |
| Fire Truck ----- | | 2,500.00 | |
| From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes: | | | |
| (a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2 | 900.00 | 870.00 | 900.00 |
| (b) National Bank Stock Taxes | 17.00 | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| Total Revenue From All Sources Except Property Taxes ----- | \$7,572.00 | \$13,543.87 | \$6,971.50 |

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 Compared With Estimates and Actual
uary 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES | Appropriations Previous Year 1954 | Actual | Estimated |
|--|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | Expenditures | Expenditures |
| | | Previous | Ensuing |
| | | Year 1954 | Year 1955 |
| Current Maintenance Expenses: | | | |
| General Government: | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries ----- | \$1,800.00 | \$1,884.11 | \$1,800.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses ---- | 875.00 | 907.01 | 875.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses ----- | 400.00 | 304.45 | 200.00 |
| Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings ----- | 2,200.00 | 2,080.82 | 1,600.00 |
| Protection of Persons & Property: | | | |
| Police Department ----- | 125.00 | 62.20 | 125.00 |
| Fire Department ----- | 3,700.00 | 8,129.49 | 1,200.00 |
| Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees ----- | 200.00 | 100.00 | 200.00 |
| Civil Defense ----- | 100.00 | 26.81 | 100.00 |
| Health: | | | |
| Health Dept., Incl. Hospital -- | 50.00 | 18.97 | 50.00 |
| Vital Statistics ----- | 30.00 | 21.00 | 30.00 |
| Town Dump ----- | 500.00 | 368.00 | 500.00 |
| Highways and Bridges: | | | |
| Town Maintenance—Summer - | 4,000.00 | 5,882.17 | 4,000.00 |
| Town Maintenance—Winter - | 2,500.00 | 1,175.08 | 2,500.00 |
| Street Lighting ----- | 1,540.08 | 1,527.24 | 1,540.08 |
| General Expenses of Highway Department ----- | 800.00 | 509.36 | 800.00 |
| Town Road Aid ----- | 549.01 | 549.01 | 552.14 |
| Libraries ----- | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Public Welfare: | | | |
| Town Poor ----- | 4,000.00 | 2,310.20 | 2,800.00 |
| Old Age Assistance ----- | 2,000.00 | 2,913.62 | 2,500.00 |

BUDGET (Continued)

BUDGET (Continued)

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans'

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Associations ----- | 100.00 | 98.95 | 100.00 |
|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------|--|
| Aid to Soldiers & Their Families | | 158.75 | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------|--|

Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds, Incl.

| | | | |
|---------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Band Concerts ----- | 150.00 | 90.11 | 150.00 |
|---------------------|--------|-------|--------|

Public Service Enterprises:

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cemeteries ----- | 175.00 | 260.55 | 250.00 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|

Unclassified:

Damage and Legal Expenses,

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Incl. Dog Damage ----- | 100.00 | 13.95 | 50.00 |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--------|
| Advertising and Regional Assn. | | | 100.00 |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--------|

Interest:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|--|--------|
| On Temporary Loans ----- | 100.00 | | 212.50 |
|--------------------------|--------|--|--------|

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|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| On Principal of Trust Funds | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Used By Town ----- | 85.00 | 35.00 | 17.50 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|

Highways and Bridges:

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Flashing Light ----- | 190.00 | 259.71 | 100.00 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|

Payments on Principal of Debt:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Long Term Notes ----- | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|

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|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Expenditures ----- | <u>\$27,169.09</u> | <u>\$30,586.56</u> | <u>\$23,252.22</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Title of Appropriations | Fiscal Year Appro- priations | Receipts & Reim- bursements | Total Amount Available | Expenditures | Unexpended Balance | Overdrafts |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Town Officers Salaries | \$1,800.00 | | \$1,800.00 | \$1,884.11 | | \$84.11 |
| Town Officers Expenses | 875.00 | | 875.00 | 907.01 | | 32.01 |
| Election and Registration | 400.00 | | 400.00 | 304.45 | 95.55 | |
| Stevens Memorial Hall | 2,200.00 | 243.00 | 2,443.00 | 2,080.82 | 362.18 | |
| Police Department | 125.00 | | 125.00 | 62.20 | 62.80 | |
| Fire Dept., Incl. Forest Fires | 1,200.00 | 28.35 | 1,228.35 | 1,129.49 | 98.86 | |
| Fire Truck | 2,500.00 | 4,482.15 | 6,982.15 | 7,000.00 | | 17.85 |
| Care of Trees | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Bounties | | | | 3.50 | | 3.50 |
| Civil Defense | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 26.81 | 73.19 | |
| Health Department | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 18.97 | 31.03 | |
| Vital Statistics | 30.00 | | 30.00 | 21.00 | 9.00 | |
| Town Dump | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 368.00 | 132.00 | |
| Town Roads (Summer) | 4,000.00 | 20.00 | 4,020.00 | 5,882.17 | | 1,862.17 |
| Town Roads (Winter) | 2,500.00 | | 2,500.00 | 1,175.08 | 1,324.92 | |
| Town Road Aid | 549.01 | | 549.01 | 549.01 | | |
| Street Lights | 1,540.08 | | 1,540.08 | 1,527.24 | 12.84 | |

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| General Expense Highway Dept. | 800.00 | 800.00 | 509.36 | 290.64 | |
| Libraries | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,000.00 | 201.63 | 2,913.62 | | 711.99 |
| Town Poor | 4,000.00 | 728.00 | 2,310.20 | 2,417.80 | |
| Memorial Day | 100.00 | 100.00 | 98.95 | 1.05 | |
| Soldiers Aid | | | 158.75 | | 158.75 |
| Parks and Playgrounds | 150.00 | 150.00 | 90.11 | 59.89 | |
| Cemeteries | 175.00 | 175.00 | 260.55 | | 85.55 |
| Damages & Legal Exp. Incl. Dogs | 100.00 | 100.00 | 13.95 | 86.05 | |
| Taxes bought by Town | | | 2,634.54 | | 2,634.54 |
| Wrong Tax, Over Assessment | | | 143.95 | | 143.95 |
| Flashing Light | 190.00 | 190.00 | 259.71 | | 69.71 |
| Interest | 185.00 | 185.00 | 35.00 | 150.00 | |
| Head Tax | 2,556.50 | 32.17 | 2,356.25 | 232.42 | |
| County Tax | 3,695.07 | 3,695.07 | 3,695.07 | | |
| Cemetery Notes | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | | |
| Totals | \$33,420.66 | \$5,735.30 | \$39,419.87 | \$5,540.22 | \$5,804.13 |
| School District | \$40,258.73 | / | \$12,790.68 | \$27,468.05 | Due |

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Chester in Rockingham County for the
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated February 7, 1955

John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Harry W. Roberts
Selectmen

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
CONTINUED

ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash In Hands of Treasurer | \$37,100.02 |
| Unredeemed Taxes : | |
| Levy of 1953 | 1,462.47 |
| Levy of 1952 | 641.15 |
| Uncollected Taxes : | |
| Levy of 1954 | 12,637.33 |
| State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954 | 390.00 |
| Total Assets | <hr/> \$52,230.97 |
| Grand Total | <hr/> \$52,230.97 |
| Net Surplus, December 31, 1953 | \$16,602.64 |
| Net Surplus, December 31, 1954 | <hr/> 17,725.04 |
| Increase of Surplus | <hr/> 1,122.40 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Accounts Owed by the Town : | |
| Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss | \$3,647.88 |
| Due to State : | |
| State Head Taxes—1954 (Uncollected) | 390.00 |
| Due to School District : | |
| Balance of Appropriation | 27,468.05 |
| Long Term Notes Outstanding : | |
| 1 Due 1955 First National Bank, Derry (Fire Truck) | 1,500.00 |
| 1 Due 1956 First National Bank, Derry (Fire Truck) | 1,000.00 |
| Trust Funds, Amount of Principal Used By Town : .., | 500.00 |
| Total Liabilities | <hr/> \$34,505.93 |
| Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus) | \$17,725.04 |
| Grand Total | <hr/> \$52,230.97 |

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue :

From Local Taxes :

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes—Current Year—1954 | \$47,031.28 | |
| Poll Taxes—Current Year—Reg. @ \$2 | 744.00 | |
| National Bank Stock Taxes, 1954 | 17.00 | |
| Yield Taxes—1954 | 2,129.07 | |
| State Head Taxes @ \$5—1954 | 2,195.00 | |
| Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted | | \$52,116.35 |
| Property Taxes and Yield Taxes— Previous Years | | 10,082.86 |
| Poll Taxes—Previous Years—Reg. @ \$2 | | 126.00 |
| State Head Taxes @ \$5 Previous Years | | 330.00 |
| Interest received on Taxes | | 415.28 |
| Penalties on State Head Taxes | | 31.50 |
| Tax sales redeemed | | 2,498.17 |

From State :

| | | |
|---|----------|--|
| Interest and dividends tax | 2,193.91 | |
| Railroad Tax | 4.59 | |
| Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax | 41.03 | |
| Fighting forest fires | 28.35 | |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance | 201.63 | |

From Local Sources Except Taxes :

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Dog licenses | 394.32 | |
| Business licenses, permits and filing fees | 12.00 | |
| Rent of town property | 263.00 | |
| Income from trust funds | 728.00 | |
| Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits | 72.61 | |
| Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 Permits | 4,252.78 | 8,192.22 |

CLASSIFICATION

Payments

For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Town officer's salaries | \$1,884.11 |
| Town officer's expenses | 907.01 |
| Election and registration expenses | 304.45 |
| Expenses town hall & other town Bldg. | 2,080.82 |

Protection of Persons and Property:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Police department | 62.20 |
| Fire Dept., Incl. forest fires | 1,129.49 |
| Moth extermination—Care of Trees | 100.00 |
| Bounties | 3.50 |
| Damage by dogs | 13.95 |
| Civil Defense | 26.81 |

Health:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Health Dept., Incl. Hospital | 18.97 |
| Vital statistics | 21.00 |
| Town dumps | 368.00 |

Highways and Bridges:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Town Road Aid | 549.01 |
| Town Maintenance: | |
| Summer \$5,882.17—Winter \$1,175.08 .. | 7,057.25 |
| Street lighting | 1,527.24 |
| General Expenses of Highway Dept. | 509.36 |

Libraries:

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Libraries | 400.00 |
|-----------------|--------|

Public Welfare:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Old age assistance | 2,913.62 |
| Town poor | 2,310.20 |

Patriotic Purposes:

| | |
|--|--------|
| Memorial Day and Veteran's Assn. | 98.95 |
| Aid to soldiers and their families | 158.75 |

Recreation:

| | |
|--|-------|
| Parks & playgrounds, Incl. band concerts | 90.11 |
|--|-------|

RECEIPTS and

Receipts Other than Current Revenue :

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Long term notes during year | 2,500.00 | |
| Refunds | 49.40 | |
| Withdrawals from Capital Reserve | | |
| Funds | 1,982.15 | |
| Mrs. Mabel Finnegan, Bal. Chester Old | | |
| Home Day Money | 42.82 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts Other than Current | | |
| Revenue | | \$4,574.37 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts from All Sources | | \$78,366.75 |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1954 | | \$10,948.05 |

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|
| Grand Total | <hr/> | \$89,314.80 |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|

PAYMENTS (Continued)

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|--|-------------|
| Public Service Enterprises: | |
| Cemeteries, including hearse hire | 260.55 |
| Unclassified: | |
| Taxes bought by town | 2,634.54 |
| Discounts, Abatements and Refunds | 143.95 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Current Maintenance Expenses | \$2,778.49 |
| Interest: | |
| Paid on principal of trust funds used by town | 35.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Interest Payments | 35.00 |
| Outlay for New Construction, Equipment And Permanent Improvements: | |
| Flashing Light | 259.71 |
| Fire Truck | 7,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Outlay Payments | 7,259.71 |
| Indebtedness: | |
| Payments on Long Term Notes | 500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Indebtedness Payments | 500.00 |
| Payments to Other Governmental Div: | |
| State Head Taxes paid State Treas: | |
| '54 Taxes \$1,948.50—Prior Yrs. \$407.75 | 2,356.25 |
| Taxes paid to County | 3,695.07 |
| Payments to School Districts: | |
| '53 Tax \$2,790.68—'54 Tax \$10,000.00 | 12,790.68 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions | \$18,842.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Payments for all Purposes | \$52,210.55 |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1954 | 37,104.25 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | \$89,314.80 |

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1954

Valuation April 1st, 1954

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Land and Buildings | \$1,170,745.00 |
| Electric Plants | 74,976.00 |
| Horses, 28 | 1,750.00 |
| Cows, 192 | 25,540.00 |
| Neat Stock, 40 | 3,110.00 |
| Sheep and Goats, 9 | 45.00 |
| Fowls, 14,733 | 14,260.00 |
| Hogs, 5 | 75.00 |
| Fur Bearing Animals, 277 | 2,216.00 |
| Wood, Lumber | 15,130.00 |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 10 | 1,540.00 |
| Stock in Trade | 17,625.00 |
| Mills and Machinery | 6,810.00 |
| Portable Mills, 3 | 1,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,335,322.00 |
| Soldiers and Blind Exemptions | 62,060.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,273,262.00 |

APPROPRIATIONS

List of 1954 appropriations as taken from the official record of the annual town meeting March 9, 1954.

Article 2—Town Charges

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Town Officers Salaries | \$1,800.00 |
| Town Officers Expenses | 875.00 |
| Election and Registration | 400.00 |
| Police Department | 125.00 |
| Health Department | 50.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 30.00 |
| Parks and Playgrounds | 150.00 |
| Legal Expenses and Dog damage | 100.00 |
| Interest | 185.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$3,715.00 |

Article 4

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|----------------|----------|
| Highways | 7,300.00 |
|----------------|----------|

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|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Article 5 | | |
| Class 5 Roads | | 549.01 |
| Article 7 | | |
| Stevens Memorial Hall | | 2,200.00 |
| Article 8 | | |
| Town Poor | 4,000.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | 6,000.00 |
| Article 9 | | |
| Fire Department | | 1,200.00 |
| Article 10 | | |
| Fire Truck | | 2,500.00 |
| Article 11 | | |
| Street Lights | | 1,540.08 |
| Article 12 | | |
| Flashing Light | | 190.00 |
| Article 13 | | |
| Town Dump | | 500.00 |
| Article 14 | | |
| Library | | 400.00 |
| Article 15 | | |
| Cemeteries | | 175.00 |
| Article 16 | | |
| Memorial Day | | 100.00 |
| Article 17 | | |
| Extermination of Moths | | 200.00 |
| Article 19 | | |
| Civil Defense | | 100.00 |

Article 21

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cemetery Note | 500.00 |
| Total | <u>\$27,169.09</u> |

Voted to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay into the Town Treasury the sum of \$728.00, it being the amount used for advance payment on Wilcomb-Townsend Home account.

Certified by,
Carrie A. Richardson
Town Clerk

LIABILITIES

Great Hill Cemetery Notes

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| William White | \$75.00 |
| Edmund Sleeper | 45.00 |
| Sarah A. True | 75.00 |
| David Lane | 70.00 |
| Amos Hazelton | 75.00 |
| George Herman Jack | 60.00 |
| Mary E. Merrill | 25.00 |
| James DeLesky | 75.00 |
| | <u>\$500.00</u> |

TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H. for the
year ending December 31, 1954

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash Balance from 1953 account | \$10,948.05 |
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Tax Collector :

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| Property Tax, 1950 | \$ 61.34 | |
| Property Tax, 1951 | 650.03 | |
| Property Tax, 1952 | 736.88 | |
| Property Tax, 1953 | 10,953.67 | |
| Property Tax, 1954 | 47,031.28 | 59,433.20 |
| Timber Tax, 1953 | 179.11 | |
| Timber Tax, 1954 | 2,129.07 | 2,308.18 |
| Head Tax, 1953 | 330.00 | |

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| Head Tax, 1954 | 2,195.00 | 2,525.00 |
| Head Tax Fines, 1953 | 27.50 | |
| Head Tax Fines, 1954 | 4.00 | 31.50 |
| Poll Taxes, 1953 | 126.00 | |
| Poll Taxes, 1954 | 744.00 | 870.00 |
| Interest, 1950 | 14.96 | |
| Interest, 1951 | 104.20 | |
| Interest, 1952 | 74.34 | |
| Interest, 1953 | 217.41 | |
| Interest, 1954 | 4.37 | 415.28 |
| National Bank Stock | | 17.00 |
| Town Clerk : | | |
| Auto Taxes | 4,325.39 | |
| Dog Tax | 394.32 | |
| Filing Fees | 12.00 | 4,731.71 |
| State of New Hampshire : | | |
| Dividend Tax | 2,193.91 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 41.03 | |
| Railroad Tax | 4.59 | |
| Training Meeting, Forest Fire Dept. | 10.75 | |
| Forest Fire Bill | 17.60 | |
| Share of Recovery of Old Age Assistance to Leon Simonds | 201.63 | |
| Head Tax Reimbursement | 32.17 | 2,501.68 |
| Rent of Hall | | 243.00 |
| Trustee of Trust Funds | 728.00 | |
| First National Bank, Derry, Notes for Fire Truck | 1,982.15 | 2,710.15 |
| Carrie Richardson, Over payment of Auto Fees | | 2,500.00 |
| Mrs. Mabel Finnegan, Balance from Chester Old Home Day | | 13.00 |
| | | 42.82 |

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| Town of Sandown, Grader Rental | 20.00 |
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| Paid Selectmen's Order No. 822—50 | \$89,310.57 |
| | 52,206.32 |
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| Cash on Hand | \$37,104.25 |

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There were 140 dog licenses issued during the year. 26 females, 28 spayed females, 79 males, 7 kennel licenses. The Clerk received \$443.50. Dog tags cost \$12.43, License books \$6.50, Postage \$2.25. The Clerk retained \$28.00 fees. The Town Treasurer was paid \$394.32.

During the year Automobile Town Taxes totaled \$4,325.39 which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL & YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1954

— Dr. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$58,570.05 |
| Poll Taxes | 874.00 |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 17.00 |

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| Total Warrant | \$59,461.05 |
| Yield Taxes | 2,735.39 |
| Added Taxes Property | 362.24 |
| Interest Collected | 4.37 |

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| Total Debits | \$62,563.05 |
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Remittances to Treasurer:

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$47,031.28 |
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| Poll Taxes | 744.00 | |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 17.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 2,129.07 | |
| Interest | 4.37 | |
| Uncollected Taxes as per Collectors List: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$11,901.01 | |
| Poll Taxes | 130.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 606.32 | |
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| Total Credits | | \$62,563.05 |

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1953

— Dr. —

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954 | | |
| Property Taxes | \$9,781.60 | |
| Poll Taxes | 126.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 179.11 | |
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| | | \$10,086.71 |
| Interest Collected to January 1 | | 190.77 |
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| Total Debits | | \$10,277.48 |

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| Remittances to Treasurer: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$9,781.60 | |
| Poll Taxes | 126.00 | |
| Interest | 190.77 | |
| Yield Taxes | 179.11 | |
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| Total Credits | | \$10,277.48 |

STATE HEAD TAXES

Levy of 1954

— Dr. —

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Warrant | \$2,585.00 | |
| Penalties | 4.00 | |
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| Total Debits | | \$2,589.00 |

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| Remittances to Treasurer | \$2,195.00 | |
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| Penalties | 4.00 | |
| Uncollected Head Taxes | 390.00 | |
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| Total Credits | | \$2,589.00 |

STATE HEAD TAXES

1953

— Dr. —

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954 | \$330.00 |
| Penalties collected | 27.50 |

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| Total Debits | \$357.50 |
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| Remittances to Treasurer | \$275.00 |
| Over 70 and Wrong Assessments | 55.00 |
| Penalties | 27.50 |

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| Total Credits | \$357.50 |
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Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of Dec. 1, 1954

— Dr. —

| Tax Sale on Account of Levies of | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|
| 1953 | 1952 | 1951 | 1950 |

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Taxes sold to Town During | | | | |
| Year | \$2,634.14 | | | |
| Taxes paid before deeds | | | | |
| were passed | | \$14.82 | \$56.96 | \$50.37 |
| Bal. of unredeemed Taxes | | | | |
| As of Jan. 1, 1954 | | 1,215.17 | 741.11 | 10.97 |
| Interest Collected after sale | 26.64 | 50.66 | 127.88 | 14.96 |
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| Total Debits | \$2,661.18 | \$1,280.65 | \$925.95 | \$76.30 |

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| Remittances to Treasurer | | | | |
| During Year | \$1,172.07 | \$588.84 | \$793.07 | \$61.34 |
| Interest | 26.64 | 50.66 | 127.88 | 14.96 |
| Unredeemed Taxes at close | | | | |
| of Year | 1,462.47 | 641.15 | | |
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| Total Credits | \$2,661.18 | \$1,280.65 | \$925.95 | \$76.30 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries

Appropriated \$1,800.00

| | |
|--|----------|
| John A. West, Selectman | \$225.00 |
| Austin C. Hunt, Selectman | 215.00 |
| Harry W. Roberts, Selectman (Overseer Poor) | 235.00 |
| Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk | 401.50 |
| Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector | 677.61 |
| Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer | 75.00 |
| Walter P. Tenney, Moderator | 45.00 |
| Russell E. Underwood, Auditor | 10.00 |

\$1,884.11

Town Officers Expenses

Appropriated \$875.00

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| John A. West, Expense as Selectman | \$42.00 |
| Expense for Selectmen & Tax Collector Assessors meeting | 9.50 |
| Austin C. Hunt, Expense as Selectman ... | 50.00 |
| Adding machine paper | 1.80 |
| Harry W. Roberts, Expenses as Selectman | 35.00 |
| Carrie A. Richardson, Exp. as Town Clerk | 6.85 |
| Expense at Clerks Assn. meeting | 17.80 |
| Florence L. Herrick, Expense as Treasurer | 35.00 |
| Roland A. Nichols, Exp. as Tax Collector | 25.00 |
| Philip G. Hazelton, Postage | 15.04 |
| Ruth N. Ray, Stamps | 15.70 |
| Madeline M. Mitchell, dinners for Auditors, Town Officers | 38.00 |
| News Enterprise Press, Town Reports and Ballots | 292.00 |
| News Enterprise Press, 25 Check Lists ... | 32.50 |
| Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies | 8.46 |
| Mildred F. Hunt, Clerical Work | 20.00 |
| Salary and Expenses Trustee of Trust Funds | 35.00 |
| Edson C. Eastman, Supplies | 55.20 |
| Curtis Insurance Agency, Officers Bonds | 108.56 |

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| U. S. Auto & Truck Guide Used By | |
| Town Clerk 1954 and 1955 | 14.50 |
| Frank B. Nay, Names Deceased Persons .. | .70 |
| First Nat. Bank, Derry, Safe Deposit Box | 5.50 |
| John W. A. Green, Copying Transfers | 17.00 |
| Ida M. Horner, Tax Collectors Assn. Dues | 3.00 |
| Association N. H. Assessors Dues | 3.00 |
| Sargent Bros., Tax Bills | 19.90 |

\$907.01

Election and Registration

Appropriated \$400.00

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|--|---------|
| Ernest S. Edwards, Supervisor | \$46.40 |
| Alvah G. Healey, Supervisor | 53.60 |
| Edward E. Griffin, Supervisor | 14.40 |
| Maurice G. Colman, Supervisor | 32.00 |
| William J. Ring, Ballot Inspector, 1953 | 7.20 |
| 1954 | 21.60 |
| Lewis J. Gordon, Ballot Inspector, 1953 | 7.20 |
| 1954 | 21.60 |
| Harry C. Edwards, Ballot Inspector | 14.40 |
| Marion S. Cannon, Ballot Inspector .. | 14.40 |
| Mildred F. Hunt, meals for Officers Primary & Election | 55.25 |
| Fred H. MacDonald, Policē Primary & Election | 14.40 |
| News Enterprise Press, Supervisors Notices | 2.00 |

\$304.45

Stevens Memorial Hall

Appropriated \$2,200.00

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|--|----------|
| N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service | \$142.71 |
| Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service | 61.84 |
| Edward E. Griffin, Janitor Service | 150.00 |
| Supplies | .33 |
| Fred H. MacDonald, Janitor Service | 450.00 |
| Supplies | 11.52 |
| J. J. Moreau, Bulbs | 4.29 |
| Fuelite Gas, Gas for Kitchen | 13.00 |
| Franklin A. Dickason, Electric wiring & supplies | 463.73 |
| Western Emergency Light Co., Batteries | 27.00 |
| Philip G. Hazelton, Insurance | 103.00 |

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| Grange Mutual Ins. Co., Insurance | 108.00 |
| Charles W. Varney Co., Insurance | 162.00 |
| Mrs. Edward E. Griffin, Piano and Stool | 35.00 |
| Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Coal | 259.00 |
| Newton West, Wood | 49.00 |
| Walter W. Lane, Slabs | 5.00 |
| Earle M. Hazelton, fitting and housing wood | 30.40 |
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| | \$2,080.82 |

Police

Appropriated \$125.00

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| Lester J. Lewis, Chief, Services | \$55.00 |
| Edward E. Griffin, Services | 7.20 |
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| | \$62.20 |

Fire Department, Including Forest Fires Appropriated \$1,200.00—General Expenses

\$2,500.00 Fire Truck

Borrowed \$2,500.00 and \$1,982.15 from Capital Reserve

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| N. H. Electric Co., Electric Lights | \$21.28 |
| Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service | 58.01 |
| Curtis Insurance Agency, Liability Fire Trucks | 92.00 |
| Insurance Fire Trucks | 49.23 |
| W. P. Hunt, Warden, Spring Forest Fire School | 21.50 |
| Hunt's Garage, Gas, Zerone and Supplies | 77.40 |
| Henry T. Provost, Dues, State Firemens Association | 30.00 |
| A. F. Robinson, Boiler Works, Fittings | 33.91 |
| Nashua Woodcraft, New Door | 29.15 |
| Muir Lumber Corp., Lumber and Supplies | 10.83 |
| Roland A. Nichols, Labor at Fire House | 32.62 |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Fittings | 8.68 |
| Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Oil for Fire House | 45.38 |
| James Eustis, Furnace for Fire House | 464.00 |
| Victor B. Spollett, Chief, use of car and expenses | 25.00 |
| A. F. Robinson, Boiler Works, New Fire Truck | 7,000.00 |
| R. G. Crowell, State Manager, Accident Insurance | 130.50 |
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| | \$8,129.49 |

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| Care of Trees | |
| Appropriated \$200.00 | |
| F. A. Bartlett, Tree Expert Co., Spraying Trees | \$100.00 |

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| Bounties | |
| Appropriated None | |
| John A. West, Paid seven Hedgehogs heads | \$3.50 |

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| Civil Defense | |
| Appropriated \$100.00 | |
| N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service | \$5.25 |
| Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service | 6.56 |
| Lester J. Lewis, Moving Shelter | 15.00 |
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| | \$26.81 |

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| Health Department | |
| Appropriated \$50.00 | |
| Edward E. Griffin, Services | \$10.00 |
| Fred H. MacDonald, Expense to Health Officer meeting | 8.97 |
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| | \$18.97 |

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| Vital Statistics | |
| Appropriated \$30.00 | |
| Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk | \$21.00 |

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| Town Dump | |
| Appropriated \$500.00 | |
| Fred H. MacDonald, Services | \$368.00 |

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| T. R. A. | |
| Appropriated \$549.01 | |
| State of N. H. | \$549.01 |

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| Street Lights | |
| Appropriated \$1,540.08 | |
| N. H. Electric Co. | \$1,527.24 |

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| General Expense of Highway Department | |
| Appropriated \$800.00 | |
| James W. Towle, Highway Work | \$40.10 |

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| Curtis Insurance Agency, Bonds, Insurance | 192.88 |
| N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service | 13.00 |
| James Eustis, Repair on Plow | 79.85 |
| W. E. Hutton, Electric Work | 62.61 |
| N. H. Farm Tractor Co., Wico Mag. | 37.00 |
| Director of Internal Revenue, Income Tax | 2.30 |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Labor and Parts | 81.62 |

\$509.36

Library

Appropriated \$400.00

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| Ella Allen, Treasurer | \$400.00 |
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Old Age Assistance

Appropriated \$2,000.00

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| State of N. H. | \$1,950.17 |
| Town of Auburn | 963.45 |

\$2,913.62

Town Poor

Appropriated \$4,000.00

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|---|------------|
| Rockingham County Home and Hospital | \$1,826.00 |
| State of N. H. | 74.20 |
| Ella Grodual (Mrs.) | 360.00 |
| Geo. A. Dawson, M. D. | 5.00 |
| Franklin R. Perry | 15.00 |

\$2,310.20

Memorial Day

Appropriated \$100.00

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| Forsaith-Drowne Post, A. L., Flags, etc. | \$48.00 |
| Backmann Florists, Flowers | 12.00 |
| Charles A. Morse, Sporting Goods | 38.95 |

\$98.95

Soldiers Aid

No Appropriation

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| Paid for aid to one family | \$158.75 |
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Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriated \$150.00

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| Victor Hunt, Mowing Lawns | \$3.00 |
| Fred H. MacDonald, Mowing Lawns | 7.00 |
| Curtis Insurance Agency, Town Clock | 14.50 |
| Roland A. Nichols, Repairs on Cannon | 52.61 |
| Earle M. Hazelton, Care Town Clock | 13.00 |
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| | \$90.11 |

Cemeteries

Appropriated \$175.00

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|---|----------|
| Harry C. Edwards, Mowing Cemeteries | \$36.00 |
| Earle M. Hazelton, Cemetery Work | 183.80 |
| A. Newton West, Cutting Trees | 15.75 |
| James W. Towle, Clearing Hurricane Damage | 25.00 |
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| | \$260.55 |

Damage and Legal Expenses, Dog Damage

Appropriated \$100.00

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| News Enterprise Press, Dog Notices | \$1.50 |
| John P. Marshall, Supplies and Mileage | 12.45 |
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| | \$13.95 |

Taxes Bought By Town

No Appropriation

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|---|------------|
| Roland A. Nichols, Taxes bought by town | \$2,634.54 |
| Roland A. Nichols, Over Assessment & Wrong Tax | 143.95 |
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| | \$2,778.49 |

Blinking Lights

Appropriated \$190.00

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|---|----------|
| Lewis J. Sinskie, Blasting | \$30.00 |
| Franklin A. Dickason, Electric Work | 41.48 |
| N. H. Electric Co., Installing Pole | 156.20 |
| Electric Service | 29.63 |
| Treasurer State of N. H., Flash Bulbs | 2.40 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$259.71 |

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|---|-------------|
| Interest | |
| Appropriated \$185.00 | |
| Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemetery Notes | \$35.00 |
| State and County Taxes | |
| State of New Hampshire, Head Tax | \$2,356.25 |
| Earle Stockbridge, County Tax | 3,695.07 |
| School Money | |
| Carrie A. Richardson, Part Payment | \$12,790.60 |

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle Winter Maintenance Appropriated \$2,500.00

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|---|------------|
| Crawford, Walter, Truck | \$146.00 |
| Dolloff, Raymond, Tractor | 5.00 |
| Hunt's Garage, Gas, Supplies, Welding | 26.98 |
| Lewis, Lester J., Truck | 420.00 |
| Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt | 139.32 |
| Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline | 5.78 |
| Roberts, Dana, Labor | 6.00 |
| Tuttle, William F., Shovel, Truck | 74.00 |
| Towle, James, Truck, Labor | 352.00 |
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| | \$1,175.08 |

Summer Maintenance Appropriated \$4,000.00

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|---|----------|
| Dolloff, Raymond, Labor | \$23.25 |
| Director of Internal Revenue, Income Tax | .90 |
| Estes Filling Station, Gasoline | 10.39 |
| Eustis, James, Repairs on Grader | 5.00 |
| Granite State & Asphalt Products Co., Cold Patch and Asphalt | 83.10 |
| Gorton, William, Power Saw | 72.00 |
| Hammond, Lyman, Truck | 35.10 |
| Hume Pipe of N. E. Inc., Concrete Pipe | 1,077.00 |
| Hunt's Garage, Gas, Oil, Supplies, Welding | 14.68 |
| Judy's Filling Station, Gasoline | 7.89 |
| Lewis, Lester, Truck | 374.40 |
| Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Pipe | 40.98 |

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| Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline | 52.66 |
| Mitchell, Lester, Labor | 161.60 |
| N. H. Farm Tractor Co., Repair on Grader | 7.60 |
| N. H. Fence Co., Road Drag | 24.00 |
| Rollins, Willis, Truck | 35.10 |
| Roberts, Warren, Truck | 35.10 |
| Towle, James W., Truck, Labor | 853.50 |
| Treas. of State of N. H., Overdraft | 35.02 |
| Tucker, Harris, Labor | 27.30 |
| Webber, R. E., Shovel, Truck Supplies | 1,701.73 |
| Webber, Fred, Bulldozer, Truck | 98.10 |
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| | \$4,776.40 |

“Hurricanes”

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| Church, Muriel C., Gravel | \$ 6.00 |
| Edwards, Harry C., Labor, Cement | 9.00 |
| Dolloff, Raymond, Truck | 201.90 |
| Edwards, Paul, Labor | 6.00 |
| Gorton, William, Labor | 175.00 |
| Lewis, Lester J., Truck | 279.00 |
| Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline | 20.63 |
| Noyes, George, Gasoline | 3.81 |
| Roberts, Warren, Gravel | 123.48 |
| Towle, James W., Truck, Labor | 246.00 |
| Towle, Jackie, Labor | 29.95 |
| Tucker, Harris, Labor | 5.00 |
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| | \$1,105.77 |

WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME
FINANCIAL REPORT

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on Hand | \$1,091.22 |
| Dividends from Trust Funds | 1,129.88 |
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| | \$2,221.10 |

Expenditures

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|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer of Trust Funds | \$670.16 |
| Treasurer's Bond | 5.00 |
| Insurance | 72.99 |

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| Taxes | 69.00 |
| Paid by vote of Trustees | 274.09 |
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| | \$1,091.22 |
| Balance in Bank | \$1,129.88 |

Ella A. Allen, Treasurer

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES TREASURER'S REPORT

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| January 1, 1954, Cash on hand | \$1,122.09 | |
| Received from sale of lots | 674.00 | |
| Received from burial fees | 205.00 | |
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| | \$2,001.09 | |
| Total Expenses | | \$213.00 |
| To Balance | | 1,788.09 |
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| | | \$2,001.09 |

January 1, 1955, Cash on hand \$1,788.09

Maurice Colman, Treasurer

GREAT HILL CEMETERY

All cemetery lots are priced at 90c a square foot, which includes perpetual care.

A down payment of \$10 will be expected at time of purchase, the balance should be paid within a year.

The cemetery trustees reserve the right to refuse any burial if a lot is not fully paid for after a reasonable time.

Excavations for burials are \$25 unless unforeseen difficulties are encountered.

All burials must be made in some sort of vault, other than a wooden box.

In order that the trustees can better serve you, in your time of need, they have given Mrs. Helen Colman, the authority to sell lots and arrange for burials.

Maurice Colman, Chairman Trustees

CEMETERY TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CHESTER

French Addition

Harry C. Edwards, Treasurer

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Balance on Hand | \$717.59 |
| Interest to Date | 25.33 |
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| | \$742.92 |
| Paid Earle M. Hazelton | 25.33 |
| Cash to Balance | 717.59 |
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| | \$742.92 |
| Cash on Hand | \$717.59 |

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES

Ella A. Allen

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|---|----------|
| Cash on Hand January 1954 | \$132.06 |
| Received from Town | 400.00 |
| Received from John C. Chase Fund | 15.11 |
| Received from George Stevens Fund | 10.25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$557.42 |

Expenditures

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Librarian's Salary | \$200.00 |
| Insurance | 27.20 |
| Books and Magazines | 276.36 |
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| | \$503.56 |
| Balance in Bank | 53.86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$557.42 |

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Books added in 1954 | 176 |
| By purchase | 90 |
| By gift | 86 |
| Magazines received | 26 |
| By gift | 12 |

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| By subscription | 14 |
| Number borrowers in 1953 | 120 |
| Number borrowers 1954 | 132 |

Fines

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| Fines | \$14.20 |
| Balance on Hand from 1953 | 2.32 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$16.52 |
| Expended for usual library supplies, magazines, books and postage | \$15.42 |
| Cash on Hand to Balance | 1.10 |
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| | \$16.52 |

Approximately \$3.00 more was collected in fines, but this money was removed from the librarian's desk.

Two chairs were given to the library. They were needed. We have had many fine books and magazines given to the library and we wish to thank all those who have helped to improve Chester Library.

Mabel R. Finnigan, Librarian

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1954, 15 calls were answered

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|---------------------------------|----|
| Buildings | 5 |
| Chimney Fires | 3 |
| Grass and Forest | 3 |
| Oil Burners | 2 |
| Town Dump | 2 |
| Oil Burner permits issued | 18 |

New Equipment: 1 fully equipped 500 gallon Ford Fire truck carrying 500 gallons of water. 6 Hose fittings for quick service. 2 rear tires (hose truck).

Installed a new automatic oil furnace in firehouse.

Enlarged firehouse door.

Necessary repairs on the trucks and equipments were made.

Victor B. Spollett, Fire Chief

AUDITORS REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Clerk, as required by law, and find them correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agents, Trustees of Trust Funds, Village Cemetery Trustees, Great Hill Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees and Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home as required by law or custom and find them correct and properly vouched.

Date of Audit, January 22, 1955.

Signed,

Russell Underwood

Philip Hazelton

Lewis Gordon

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF
CHESTER, N. H.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

| Date of Creation | TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION | HOW INVESTED | Amount of Principal | Rate of Interest | Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year. | Income During Year. | Expended During Year. | Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year. |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS | | | | | | | | |
| May 25, 1918 | Albert Knippee by will ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| April 15, 1919 | Joseph Knowles ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| April 15, 1919 | Robert and Rebecca Knowles ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| Jan. 31, 1920 | Elizabeth I. Kent by will ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| May 27, 1922 | John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| Sept. 30, 1922 | George Wells by Carrie L. Warren ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| Oct. 3, 1922 | Amos Green by Charles H. Green ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| Nov. 30, 1923 | Moses Pingree by will ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| Jan. 31, 1924 | Daniel Bell by will ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| Mar. 31, 1923 | Silas F. Learnard by Martha L. Learnard ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 100.00 | 2½ | | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| June 29, 1918 | Sarah U. Lane by will ----- | Manchester Savings Bank ----- | 200.00 | 3¼ | | 7.06 | 7.06 | |
| April 15, 1919 | John West by Sarah F. Robinson ----- | Manchester Savings Bank ----- | 50.00 | 3¼ | | 1.76 | 1.76 | |
| Jan. 31, 1920 | John W. West 2nd by will ----- | Manchester Savings Bank ----- | 50.00 | 3¼ | | 1.77 | 1.77 | |
| April 30, 1921 | Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering ----- | Manchester Savings Bank ----- | 80.00 | 3¼ | | 2.82 | 2.82 | |
| April 30, 1921 | Sally Lovering Sleeper ----- | Manchester Savings Bank ----- | 40.00 | 3¼ | | 1.41 | 1.41 | |
| June 28, 1921 | Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane ----- | Manchester Savings Bank ----- | 50.00 | 3¼ | | 1.76 | 1.76 | |

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|----------------|---|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|------|------|
| Nov. 26, 1921 | Mary E. Bean by will | Manchester Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1.77 | 1.77 |
| Oct. 3, 1922 | Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green | Manchester Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 3.53 | 3.53 |
| May 3, 1923 | Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren | Manchester Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1.76 | 1.76 |
| Nov. 20, 1923 | Mark Sanborn by Heirs | Manchester Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1.77 | 1.77 |
| Dec. 22, 1923 | Herbert W. Robie | Manchester Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1.77 | 1.77 |
| Mar. 15, 1906 | William W. White by will | Town Note | 75.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.63 | 2.63 |
| Dec. 24, 1908 | Edmund Sleeper by Heirs | Town Note | 45.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.57 | 1.57 |
| June 17, 1909 | Hannah M. William by same | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Aug. 23, 1910 | Sarah A. True | Town Note | 75.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.63 | 2.63 |
| Aug. 23, 1910 | Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore | Town Note | 60.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| July 7, 1911 | Samuel S. Parker by same | Town Note | 40.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.40 | 1.40 |
| June 3, 1912 | Lot Knowles by Heirs | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Nov. 25, 1916 | Charles H. Knowles by same | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Feb. 16, 1916 | Charles Stevens by will | Town Note | 60.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| Aug. 25, 1917 | Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard | Town Note | 40.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.40 | 1.40 |
| Sept. 29, 1917 | Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Nov. 1, 1917 | David Lane by Sarah E. Lane | Town Note | 70.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.45 | 2.45 |
| June 30, 1918 | Caroline M. Hall by will | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Mar. 26, 1919 | Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Mar. 26, 1919 | George Marden by Clarence O. Morse | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Oct. 1, 1924 | James W. Gordon by will | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Oct. 28, 1924 | James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Sept. 25, 1925 | George S. West by Gertrude J. West | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| June 5, 1928 | Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook | Town Note | 75.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.62 | 2.62 |
| April 6, 1928 | George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack | Town Note | 60.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| June 5, 1925 | Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook | Town Note | 50.00 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1.75 | 1.75 |

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|------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Jan. 2, 1929 | Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse | Town Note | 50.00 | 3½ | | 1.75 | 1.75 | |
| Dec. 31, 1929 | Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True | Town Note | 50.00 | 3½ | | 1.75 | 1.75 | |
| Jan. 5, 1931 | Krench - Heath by Jennie C. Heath | Town Note | 50.00 | 3½ | | 1.75 | 1.75 | |
| Jan. 1, 1929 | Mary E. Merrill by same | Town Note | 25.00 | 3½ | | .88 | .88 | |
| July 1, 1931 | Hannah M. Sawyer by will | Town Note | 50.00 | 3½ | | 1.75 | 1.75 | |
| Oct. 13, 1931 | James DeLeskey by Rilla Day | Town Note | 75.00 | 3½ | | 2.62 | 2.62 | |
| May 26, 1936 | W. F. Warren by Frank Warren | Town Note | 50.00 | 3½ | | 1.75 | 1.75 | |
| May 3, 1904 | Johr W. Noyes by will | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 300.00 | 3 | | 9.06 | 9.06 | |
| Feb. 16, 1915 | Jonathan Pressey by will | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 45.00 | 3 | | 1.36 | 1.36 | |
| Dec. 23, 1908 | Luther W. Hall by will | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Feb. 10, 1910 | George W. Stevens by same | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 339.80 | 3 | | 10.25 | 10.25 | |
| Oct. 3, 1911 | Charles A. Dearborn by will | Amoskeag Sav. Bank | 100.00 | 3 | | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Oct. 11, 1911 | Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Oct. 31, 1914 | Cynthia J. Brown by will | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | | 1.50 | 1.50 | |
| Aug. 30, 1916 | John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| June 30, 1918 | George L. Converse by will | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | | 1.50 | 1.50 | |

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|----------------|---|--------------------------|----------|----|------|-------|
| Mar. 20, 1925 | Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Jan. 23, 1926 | Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 250.00 | 3 | 7.55 | 7.55 |
| Oct. 5, 1926 | Helen F. Soule by same ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| June 5, 1928 | James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| May 30, 1930 | Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| April 27, 1931 | George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 6.05 | 6.05 |
| Mar. 12, 1929 | John C. Chase by same ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 6.05 | 6.05 |
| May 1, 1920 | Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse ----- | U. S. Savings Bond ----- | 1,000.00 | 2½ | 1.94 | 25.00 |
| Jan. 28, 1932 | George F. West by Heirs ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 185.00 | 3 | 5.59 | 5.59 |
| May 7, 1932 | The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 6.05 | 6.05 |
| Aug. 3, 1932 | C. F. Marston by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| May 2, 1933 | Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee ----- | Manchester Savings Bank | 60.00 | 3¼ | 2.12 | 2.12 |
| Aug. 1, 1933 | Carlos Noyes by will ----- | Manchester Savings Bank | 75.00 | 3¼ | 2.65 | 2.65 |
| Jan. 11, 1933 | A. H. Wilcomb by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 224.00 | 3 | 6.88 | 6.00 |
| Oct. 9, 1933 | Josie Gerah by will ----- | Mortgage | 220.00 | 5 | 3.63 | 4.51 |
| Jan. 19, 1934 | John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| July 9, 1934 | Lucy Lawrence by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | 4.53 | 4.53 |
| July 8, 1935 | Ellen A. Coates by same ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Nov. 25, 1935 | Joseph Webster by Heirs ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 6.05 | 6.05 |
| Feb. 23, 1937 | Valeria A. Towle by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| May 20, 1937 | Mabel J. Brickett by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |

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|---------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| May 8, 1937 | Charles E. Cook by same | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Aug. 14, 1937 | Moses Webster, Heirs | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Aug. 19, 1937 | The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Oct. 23, 1937 | Erred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | 4.53 | 4.53 | |
| Jan. 28, 1938 | Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Dec. 8, 1938 | James Marden by daughter | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 40.00 | 3 | 1.20 | 1.20 | |
| Mar. 1, 1939 | Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| May 29, 1939 | E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| Aug. 11, 1939 | Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 6.05 | 6.05 | |
| Nov. 25, 1939 | Susie Smith | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| May 21, 1940 | Magdalena Robbs | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 6.05 | 6.05 | |
| Oct. 31, 1940 | John H. Robie by will | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | 4.53 | 4.53 | |
| Dec. 27, 1940 | George Mackintosh by Heirs | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |
| July 22, 1941 | Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 | |

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|----------------|--|-------------------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
| Oct. 25, 1950 | Eva Underhill ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Nov. 8, 1941 | Sanborn & Morse by Heirs of Mary A. Sanborn & Leroy D. Morse ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 120.00 | 3 | 3.62 | 3.62 |
| Nov. 29, 1941 | Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen -- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Nov. 28, 1941 | Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Oct. 7, 1942 | Mary J. Maple by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| May 4, 1942 | William Greenough by Arthur Greenough ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| May 5, 1942 | Arthur E. Leighton by same ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Feb. 23, 1942 | William P. Nichols by children -- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| July 27, 1942 | Justine P. Creamer by Ina Creamer ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Aug. 22, 1942 | Isabelle C. Clark by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 6.05 | 6.05 |
| June 18, 1943 | Lida E. Crawford by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 300.00 | 3 | 9.06 | 9.06 |
| Dec. 13, 1943 | Amos T. French, by will ----- | U. S. Bonds ----- | 5,000.00 | 2 1/2 | 109.91 | 109.91 |
| Feb. 15, 1943 | Minnie D. French by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 50.00 | 3 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| July 16, 1945 | Addie F. Watkins by will ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| Dec. 7, 1945 | Ann M. Wakefield by Maud B. Goodrich ----- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | 4.53 | 4.53 |
| Dec. 9, 1947 | George S. Webster by daughters -- | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | 4.53 | 4.53 |
| Apr. 15, 1948 | John G. Lang by Mary I. Lang by will ----- | Manchester Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 1/4 | 5.28 | 5.28 |
| Apr. 15, 1948 | Edwin Jones by Mary I. Lang by will | Manchester Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 1/4 | 5.28 | 5.28 |
| May 5, 1948 | Osgood Richards by Abbie Richards Hood ----- | Manchester Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 1/4 | 5.28 | 5.28 |
| Sept. 29, 1949 | Preston E. Goodrich by Maud B. Goodrich ----- | Manchester Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 1/4 | 5.28 | 5.28 |

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|---------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 16, 1949 | Robert H. Hazelton | (2 shares of stock) | | | | | | |
| Mar. 24, 1950 | William Finnigan by same | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 | 4.66 | 18.37 | 20.00 | 3.08 |
| April 24, 1950 | Victoria J. Brown by will | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 200.00 | 3 | 9.11 | 3.27 | 3.27 | 9.96 |
| July 5, 1950 | William H. and Arthur H. West | | | | | 6.85 | 6.00 | |
| | By Georgiana West | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 19, 1950 | William A. Moore By George Moore | Manchester Savings Bank | 250.00 | 3 1/4 | | 8.83 | 7.00 | 1.83 |
| Aug. 26, 1951 | George E. Gillingham | Manchester Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 1/4 | | 3.52 | 3.52 | |
| May 1, 1951 | J. Wesley Smith | Manchester Savings Bank | 300.00 | 3 1/4 | .50 | 10.59 | 5.00 | 6.09 |
| Dec. 11, 1951 | Mansur & Seibert | Manchester Savings Bank | 100.00 | 3 1/4 | | 3.52 | 3.52 | |
| April 1, 1952 | Ivory J. and Sarah J. Lovering and John L. Husom | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 175.00 | 3 | | 5.29 | 5.29 | |
| Feb. 1953 | Farish G. Lewis | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | | 4.53 | 4.00 | .53 |
| July 25, 1953 | Vellie W. Keains | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | | 4.91 | 4.00 | .91 |
| Sept. 24, 1953 | Nathan W. Goldsmith | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 250.00 | 3 | | 7.55 | 7.55 | |
| Dec. 24, 1946 | Great Hill Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 150.00 | 3 | 1.13 | 4.57 | 4.00 | 1.70 |
| Jan. 15, 1954 | Moses Tewksbury | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | | 3 | 2,709.35 | 87.76 | | 2,798.11 |
| Aug. 1954 | Weeks and Forsaith | Man. Fed. Savings Bank | 300.00 | 3 | | 9.00 | 9.00 | |
| | LIBRARY FUNDS | | 200.00 | 3 | | 2.17 | | 2.17 |
| Feb. 10, 1910 | George W. Stevens by Will | Manchester Savings Bank | 339.80 | 3 1/4 | | 11.98 | 11.98 | |

Jan. 2, 1931 John C. Chase by same 15.11 15.11
 Mar. 24, 1950 Fire Department Equipment Fund 31.69 1,982.15
 1915 The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary

J. Wilcomb -----
 500.00 3 1,950.46
 Amoskeag Savings Bank
 Man. Fed. Savings Bank

1927 Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by
 Lydia A. Newell -----

3,466.98
 919.04
 1,000.00
 Amoskeag Savings Bank
 Manchester Savings Bank
 U. S. Savings Bond -----
 8,907.29
 4,389.32
 5,223.69
 3,225.95
 10,563.42
 4,300.00
 Amoskeag Savings Bank
 Manchester Savings Bank
 Amoskeag Savings Bank
 Manchester Savings Bank
 Mechanics Savings Bank
 U. S. Savings Bonds

49 Jan. 15, 1955 Paid Treasurer Trustee of Wilcomb-
 Townsend Home Income on these
 Funds for 1954 ----- \$1,129.88
 Jan. 15, 1955 Received from Treasurer, Trustee of
 Wilcomb-Townsend Home unex-
 pended Balance for 1953 -- \$670.16
 Dec. 31, 1954 Received from Town of Chester
 \$500.00 to retire part of Cemetery
 Notes.

AUDITORS REPORT
 January 22, 1955
 We have examined the
 books and accounts of
 Trustees of Trust Funds,
 Mildred Hunt, Treas., as
 required by law, and
 find them correct and
 properly vouched
 R. E. Underwood
 L. J. Gordon
 Philip G. Hazelton
 Auditors

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

John West

CLERK

Mildred F. Hunt

TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD

H. Wallace Fitts

Ruth S. Dearborn

Volney C. Allen

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Rae Sives

Residence, Londonderry, N. H., Tel. Derry 574-4

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Fred MacDonald

AUDITOR

Paul S. Nutting

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

| School and Grades | Name | P. O. Address |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chester 1-2 | Greeley, Gertrude | Londonderry, N. H. |
| Chester 2-3 | McCully, Doris | Chester, N. H. |
| Chester 4-5 | Church, Muriel | Chester, N. H. |
| Chester 6-7 | Perry, Barbara | Derry Village, N. H. |
| Chester 7-8 | Vadeboncoeur, John | Nashua, N. H. |

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1954 to June 1955

1954

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 8

Closes Thurs, Dec. 23

1955

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Jan. 3

Closes Friday, Feb. 18

Third Period :

Opens Monday, Feb. 28

Closes Friday, April 22

Fourth Period :

Opens Monday, May 2

Closes at the end of 180
school days

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

September 1955 to June 1956

1955

First Period :

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 7

Closes Thursday, Dec. 22

1956

Second Period :

Opens Tuesday, Jan. 3

Closes Friday, Feb. 17

Third Period :

Opens Monday, Feb. 27

Closes Friday, April 20

Fourth Period :

Opens Monday, April 30

Closes at the end of 180
school days

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Chester,
N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Memorial Hall
in said district on the 9th day of March, 1955 at 7:45 o'clock in
the afternoon to act upon the following :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing
three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers
chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.

7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue grading the area back of the school for playground activities and pass any vote relating thereto.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grant-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U. S. Government and/or State Agencies.

10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to negotiate a tuition contract with receiving secondary schools and pass any vote relating thereto.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 21st day of February, 1955.

H. Wallace Fitts
Ruth Somers Dearborn
Volney C. Allen
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

H. Wallace Fitts
Ruth Somers Dearborn
Volney C. Allen
School Board

SCHOOL BUDGET

| Payments Item | Appropriated | | | Expended | | Appropriated School Board's | |
|---|--------------|--|--|-----------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | 1953-54 | | | 1953-54 | | 1954-55 | Budget 1955-56 |
| Administration | | | | | | | |
| Salaries of district officers | \$276.00 | | | \$276.00 | | \$276.00 | \$420.00 |
| Superintendent's salary (local share) | 412.30 | | | 412.30 | | 317.93 | 347.36 |
| Tax for state wide supervision | 442.00 | | | 442.00 | | 422.00 | 478.00 |
| Salaries of administrative personnel | 225.68 | | | 228.18 | | 342.10 | 363.83 |
| Supplies and Expenses | 300.00 | | | 311.17 | | 369.85 | 422.81 |
| Instruction | | | | | | | |
| Teachers salaries | 14,587.08 | | | 14,551.57 | | 15,523.40 | 16,078.14 |
| Books and other instructional aids | 300.00 | | | 723.91 | | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| Scholars' supplies | 400.00 | | | 230.66 | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Supplies and other expenses | 125.00 | | | 360.34 | | 125.00 | 250.00 |
| Operation of School Plant | | | | | | | |
| Janitor's Salary | 900.00 | | | 927.00 | | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Fuel | 1,200.00 | | | 1,294.19 | | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Light and janitor supplies | 450.00 | | | 488.42 | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Maintenance of School Plant | | | | | | | |
| Repairs and replacements | 400.00 | | | 944.44 | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Auxiliary Activities | | | | | | | |
| Health supervision | 340.00 | | | 303.61 | | 267.00 | 290.28 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Transportation | 6,000.00 | 5,815.50 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Tuition—high school | 18,400.00 | 16,441.56 | 19,000.00 | 21,390.00 |
| Special activities and special funds | 500.00 | 1,555.36 | 250.00 | 400.00 |
| Fixed Charges | | | | |
| Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses | 837.50 | 720.40 | 200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Retirement | 873.62 | 981.89 | 1,052.58 | 1,092.31 |
| Total Current Expenses | 46,969.18 | 47,008.50 | 48,095.86 | 52,682.73 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | |
| Land and New Buildings | 300.00 | 270.60 | 350.00 | 250.00 |
| New Equipment | | 735.30 | | |
| Total Capital Outlay | 300.00 | 1,005.90 | 350.00 | 250.00 |
| Debt and Interest | | | | |
| Principal of debt | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Interest on debt | 693.75 | 706.25 | 628.75 | 551.25 |
| Total Debt and Interest | 4,693.75 | 4,706.25 | 4,628.75 | 3,551.25 |
| Total Expenditures | 51,962.93 | 52,720.65 | 53,074.61 | 56,483.98 |

BUDGET—Continued

| | Appropriated | | Actual | Appropriated | | School Board's |
|--|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 1953-54 | 1954-55 | | 1954-55 | Budget | |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Cash on hand, July 1 | | | | | | |
| State Aid | \$500.00 | | \$930.49 | \$1,000.00 | \$250.00 | |
| School Lunch | 6,700.00 | | 12,741.76 | 11,815.88 | 12,000.00 | |
| Other Sources | | | 1,123.04 | | | |
| | | | 83.71 | | | |
| Total receipts other than Property Taxes | 7,200.00 | | 14,879.00 | 12,815.88 | 12,250.00 | |
| District assessment raised or to be raised by Property Taxes | 44,762.93 | | 38,290.68 | 40,258.73 | 44,233.98 | |
| Current Appropriation | \$51,962.93 | | \$53,169.68 | \$53,074.61 | \$56,483.98 | |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

INCOME

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| National School Lunch | \$1,123.04 | |
| State Aid | 12,741.76 | |
| Local Taxation | 38,290.68 | |
| Other Sources | 83.71 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Net Receipts from all Sources .. | | \$52,239.19 |
| Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1953 | | 930.49 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Grand Total Net Receipts | | \$53,169.68 |

PAYMENTS

Administration

| | |
|---|----------|
| Salaries of District Officers | \$276.00 |
| Superintendents Salary (local share) | 412.30 |
| Tax for State Wide Supervision | 442.00 |
| Salaries other administrative personnel | 228.18 |
| Supplies and Expenses | 311.17 |

Instruction

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Teachers salaries | 14,551.57 |
| Books and other Instructional Aids | 723.91 |
| Scholars' Supplies | 230.66 |
| Supplies and Other Expenses | 360.34 |

Operation of School Plant

| | |
|--|----------|
| Salaries of Custodians | 927.00 |
| Fuel | 1,294.19 |
| Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses | 488.42 |

Maintenance of School Plant

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Repairs and Replacements | 944.44 |
|--------------------------------|--------|

Auxiliary Activities

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Health Supervision | 303.61 |
| Transportation | 5,815.50 |
| Tuition—high school | 16,441.56 |
| Special Activities | 89.22 |

| | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| School Lunch (Federal and District Funds only) | 1,466.14 | |
| Fixed Charges | | |
| Retirement | 981.89 | |
| Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses | 720.40 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Net Current Expenses | 47,008.50 | |
| Capital Outlay | | |
| Additions & Improvements (Grading) | 270.60 | |
| New Equipment | 735.30 | |
| Debt and Interest | | |
| Principal of Debt | 4,000.00 | |
| Interest on Debt | 706.25 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Net Payments for all purposes | \$52,720.65 | 52,720.65 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Cash on Hand at End of Year (June 30, 1954) | | \$449.03 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

| | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1953 (Treasurer's Bank Balance) | | \$930.49 |
| Rec. from Selectmen—Current Approp. | \$38,290.68 | |
| Received from State Treas.—State Aid | 12,741.76 | |
| Received from State Treasurer—School Lunch Reimbursement | 1,123.04 | |
| Received from all Other Sources | 83.71 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Receipts | | 52,239.19 |
| Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts) | | 53,169.68 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | | 52,720.65 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance on Hand June 30, 1954 (Treas. Bank Balance) | | \$449.03 |

Carrie A. Richardson, District Treasurer

June 30, 1954

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

Paul S. Nutting, Auditor

August 16, 1954

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1954

ASSETS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1954 | \$449.03 | |
| | | |
| Total Assets | | \$449.03 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Accounts Owed by District | | |
| Notes and Bonds Outstanding | \$37,000.00 | |
| | | |
| Total Liabilities | | \$37,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$37,000.00 | |
| Total Assets | 449.03 | |
| | | |
| Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets) | \$36,550.97 | |

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Outstanding at Beginning of Year | \$41,000.00 |
| Payment of Principal of Debt | 4,000.00 |
| | |
| Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year | \$37,000.00 |

EXPENDITURES

December 30, 1954

| | Budgeted for 1954-55 | Expended to Dec. 30, 1954 | Balance |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries of district officers ---- | \$276.00 | \$276.00 | |
| Superintendent's salary ----- | 317.93 | 183.26 | \$134.67 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Per Capital Tax ----- | 422.00 | 422.00 | |
| Expense of administration ---- | 711.95 | 266.30 | 445.65 |
| Teachers salaries ----- | 15,523.40 | 5,002.70 | 10,520.70 |
| Text books ----- | 350.00 | 407.40 | |
| Scholars' supplies ----- | 500.00 | 276.42 | 223.58 |
| Other expenses of instruction - | 125.00 | 169.06 | |
| Salaries of janitors ----- | 900.00 | 486.50 | 413.50 |
| Fuel ----- | 1,200.00 | 221.13 | 978.87 |
| Water, light and janitor supplies | 500.00 | 317.27 | 182.73 |
| Repairs and replacements ---- | 500.00 | 163.57 | 336.43 |
| Health supervision ----- | 267.00 | 127.21 | 139.79 |
| Transportation ----- | 6,000.00 | 2,411.60 | 3,588.40 |
| Tuition—high school ----- | 19,000.00 | 3,864.00 | 15,136.00 |
| Special activities ----- | 250.00 | 542.26 | |
| Retirement ----- | 1,052.58 | 325.07 | 727.51 |
| Insurance ----- | 200.00 | 79.52 | 120.48 |
| Grading ----- | 350.00 | | 350.00 |
| New Equipment ----- | | 234.37 | |
| Debt ----- | 4,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Interest on debt ----- | 628.75 | 616.25 | 12.50 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$53,074.61 | \$19,391.89 | \$34,310.81 |

CHESTER SCHOOL LUNCH

Report for year 1953-54

Receipts

| | |
|---|----------|
| Available as of September 1, 1953 | \$ 2.55 |
| Lunch Sales—Children | 5,159.54 |
| Lunch Sales—Adults | 184.32 |
| Receipts of Reimbursement | 986.24 |

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Total Receipts | \$6,332.65 |
|----------------------|------------|

Expenditures

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Expended for food | \$3,836.22 |
| Expended for labor | 1,866.00 |
| Expended for equipment | 229.21 |
| All other expenditures | 376.27 |

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Total Expenditures | \$6,307.70 |
|--------------------------|------------|

| | |
|---|-------|
| Balance on hand as of June 30, 1954 | 24.95 |
|---|-------|

Accounts Receivable

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Reimbursement claim for May | 136.80 | |
| Reimbursement claim for June | 93.24 | 230.04 |

| | |
|---|--------|
| Total number lunches served during year | |
| Children | 22,973 |
| Adults | 604 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 23,577 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Average number of children served daily | 136 |
| Number free lunches served | 1,227 |
| Inventory of goods on hand | \$133.15 |

Pauline D. Clarke

SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET 1954-55

The Supervisory Union Board voted to appropriate \$21,801.97, including \$5,000.00 as the State's share of the Superintendents' and Helping teacher's salaries, for the operation of the Union. The distribution of the Union's share of \$16,801.97 among the constituent districts is indicated below:

| | Total | State's Share | Union's Share | Auburn | Chester | District's Share | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| | | | | | | Derry | Londonderry | Windham |
| Supt. Salary ----- | \$6,425.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$3,925.00 | %9.6 | %8.1 | %56.5 | %14.3 | %11.5 |
| Supt. travel within Union ---- | 600.00 | | 600.00 | \$376.80 | \$317.93 | \$2,217.62 | \$561.28 | \$451.37 |
| Helping teacher's salary ---- | 3,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 1,000.00 | 57.60 | 48.60 | 339.00 | 85.80 | 69.00 |
| Helping teacher's travel ---- | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 96.00 | 81.00 | 565.00 | 143.00 | 115.00 |
| Office Staff Salary ----- | | | 2,600.00 | 43.00 | 40.50 | 282.50 | 71.50 | 57.50 |
| Prof. Staff Salary, ----- | | | | 249.60 | 210.60 | 1,469.00 | 371.80 | 299.00 |
| Nurse ----- | | | 2,800.00 | %0 | %9.0 | %62.5 | %15.7 | %12.8 |
| | | | | | 252.00 | 1,750.00 | 439.60 | 353.40 |
| | | | | %21.9 | %18.7 | | %32.9 | %26.5 |
| Music ----- | | | 3,200.00 | 700.80 | 598.40 | | 1,052.80 | 848.00 |
| Other Travel outside the Union | | | | 20.00 | 20.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Retirement ----- | | | | 59.13 | 49.90 | 348.05 | 88.09 | 70.84 |
| Rent ----- | | | | 19.20 | 16.20 | 113.00 | 28.60 | 23.00 |
| Operational expense ----- | | | | 100.80 | 85.05 | 593.25 | 150.15 | 120.75 |
| Nurse's Retirement ----- | | | | | 17.19 | 119.35 | 29.98 | 24.44 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | \$1,727.93 | \$1,737.37 | \$7,836.77 | \$3,042.60 | \$2,457.30 |

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE 1953-54

| | No. Pupils Tested | No. Defects Found | No. of pupils Seen or Treated By Family Physi. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Vision | 148 | 28 | 10 |
| Hearing | 148 | 1 | 1 |
| Teeth | 148 | 118 | 44 |
| Tonsils | 148 | 25 | 1 |
| Vaccination and Communicable Diseases | | | No. of Pupils |
| No. successfully vaccinated | | | 170 |
| Mumps | | | 3 |
| Clinics and Special Referrals | | No. Examined | No. Treated |
| Flouride treatment | | | 130 |
| Mental Hygiene | | 1 | 1 |
| Preschool | | 17 | |
| Orthopedic | | 2 | 2 |
| Home visits | | 8 | |

Martha D. Hurd, R.N., School Nurse

June 16, 1954

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report as superintendent of schools in Chester.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1955 was 176 as compared to 172 for the same date last year and 150 two years ago.

The membership by school and grades as of January 31, 1955 follows:

| School | Grade | | | | | | | | Total |
|---------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| Chscter | 18 | 26 | 24 | 17 | 11 | 28 | 31 | 16 | 171 |

The number of Chester pupils who were in high school on January 31, 1955 was :

| School | Grade | | | | Total |
|--------------------|-------|----|----|----|-------|
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| Hood | 10 | | | | 10 |
| Pinkerton | | 7 | 10 | 8 | 25 |
| Manchester West | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Manchester Central | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 5 |
| Raymond | 6 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 19 |
| Totals | 19 | 12 | 18 | 11 | 60 |

Statistics For the School Year Ending June 30, 1954

| | |
|--|-------|
| Total registration | 177 |
| Half Days schools were in session | 354 |
| Average membership | 167.9 |
| Average attendance | 160.0 |
| Per cent of attendance | 95.3 |
| Pupils transported at district expense | 92 |

On Wednesday, June 16, 1954 the following boys and girls who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies were presented diplomas :

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Abbott, Gail | Fairhurst, Alfred | McFarland, Bethel |
| Burbank, David | Fulleton, Richard | Merrill, Gloria |
| Clement, Frances | Hanson, Guy | Noyes, Karl |
| Colman, Elizabeth | Herrick, Elizabeth | Powell, Nelson |
| Dearborn, Laurencé | Herrick, Maureen | Price, Peter |
| Dearborn, Linda | Jacques, Sally | Stookey, Gary |
| Downing, Stephen | Lewis, Robert | Vaal, Marcel |
| Eustis, Carol | | Wells, Patricia |

ENROLLMENT

ELEMENTARY

| Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Increase | 6 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 20 | 9 | 76 |
| 1-31-55 | 18 | 26 | 24 | 17 | 11 | 28 | 31 | 16 | 171 |
| 1-31-54 | 22 | 25 | 19 | 16 | 24 | 25 | 16 | 24 | 171 |
| 1-31-53 | 24 | 17 | 11 | 22 | 25 | 15 | 19 | 12 | 145 |
| 1-31-52 | 16 | 15 | 23 | 25 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 23 | 148 |
| 1-31-51 | 14 | 23 | 22 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 21 | 21 | 148 |
| 1-31-50 | 17 | 22 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 144 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1-31-49 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 12 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 11 | 122 |
| 1-31-48 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 14 | 108 |
| 1-31-47 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 16 | 13 | 98 |
| 1-31-46 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 95 |

SECONDARY

| | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | | | | | Total |
| Increase | 12 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 30 |
| Grade | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 1-31-55 | 19 | 12 | 18 | 11 | 60 |
| 1-31-54 | 15 | 20 | 13 | 13 | 61 |
| 1-31-53 | 23 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 64 |
| 1-31-52 | 19 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 61 |
| 1-31-51 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 9 | 52 |
| 1-31-50 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 45 |
| 1-31-49 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 42 |
| 1-31-48 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 38 |
| 1-31-47 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 36 |
| 1-31-46 | 7 | 7 | 13 | 3 | 30 |

Although there is no increase in the actual enrollment in the elementary field for the current year, the situation is somewhat critical for the rooms, especially the rooms now in use adjacent to the kitchen, were not designed for 35 pupils. The conditions in three rooms were not conducive to the best work. The situation will have to be watched closely so that an increased enrollment as indicated by the census reports can be anticipated and planned for in physical plant.

The elementary enrollment has not been as significant in the district as the secondary enrollment. The secondary enrollment has doubled and with secondary school costs almost tripled the results are significant. In the next three years the enrollment may even show a greater increase due to the current enrollments of sixth and seventh grades.

It does not now seem as though there will be any startling increases in enrollment for 1955-56. There is an increase in enrollment over last year as far as per capita tax is concerned and also an increase in average daily membership. These increases affect the cost of schools in two ways and will be discussed at greater length later in the report.

Personnel

There was only one change in personnel since the last report. Mr. Richardson resigned to enter the armed services.

Mr. Frank Perkins, a graduate of a western state university was engaged for the position. He resigned for personal reasons in November. The position was filled by substitutes for a few weeks. John Vadeboncoeur, a University of New Hampshire graduate, was engaged to begin work January 3rd. The work of the grades involved was interrupted with these changes but it is hoped and anticipated that the end of the year will find the pupils at grade level.

The retention of 4 of the staff is decidedly advantageous as far as the children are concerned. The teachers all strive conscientiously to perform the many things that are so necessary if real progress is to be made. The whole staff is concerned with the progress of class groups and individuals. They strive through extension courses to improve themselves so as to benefit children. The children will continue to grow under such instruction.

The only other change was in the supervisory union staff. As a result of legislative action 10 supervisory unions in the biennium were to have state assistance in providing additional supervisory staff. Union No. 10, because of its size, was one of the first authorized to employ a helping teacher. Mr. Russell Raymond, supervising principal of the elementary grades of Franklin, N. H. was secured to fill this position. He worked directly with teachers and pupils to improve the educational opportunity for all. The coordination of instruction and the correlation of materials from grade to grade provided for a more logical progression through grades in all areas. The value of such service is inestimable.

Aside from such changes as were affected as a result of the efforts of the helping teacher the program proceeded as usual.

The curriculum is constantly expanding to meet the needs of a complex society. Such changes as are made are made to do one of several things. The most recent programs prepared for use in the schools are concerned with the preservation and conservation of our natural resources and firearms safety. Both serve a useful purpose but are indicative of the trend to include more and more instructional materials in the school curriculum.

The time of the music teacher was distributed differently. The increased load, rooms and pupils, made it necessary to secure additional time for music instruction. Derry released all of Mrs. Kelley's time to Auburn, Chester, Londonderry and Windham. This made

it possible to resume more nearly the original allocation of time on a district basis.

The penmanship program was continued. This phase of our school program is well worthwhile. The legibility of the writing and the neatness of written work has a carry over value that will, I feel, make a definite contribution to the adult lives of the children.

The overall budget is increased \$3,409.37. Since capital outlay was decreased \$1,177.50 the operational budget was increased \$4,586.87.

Administration reflects increased enrollment for 1954-55 over 1953-54. Per capita tax reveals it directly an increase of \$56 in this item means there were 28 more pupils enrolled. Since administrative cost are partially allocated through the supervisory union budget on the basis of average daily membership the increased enrollments are reflected in increased costs.

Instruction costs reflect directly and indirectly increased enrollment. Other expenses of instruction involving pupil supplies—other than regular supplies—tests, diplomas, etc. are directly correlated with enrollment. Teacher's salaries reflects enrollment more indirectly. The salary level of teachers universally are increasing for several reasons. Fundamentally, the law of supply and demand affects the salary of teachers as well as other employed personnel. As long as the available supply of teachers is insufficient to fill the new class rooms necessary to accommodate additional enrollment, just so long will the salaries of teachers everywhere increase. The salaries paid Chester teachers is approximately the average paid throughout the state.

The large increase in fixed charges is due to the action taken on insurance at the district meeting three years ago. An attempt will be made to set up a more balanced program before the anniversary of currently expiring policies.

Practically the whole increase in auxiliary activities occurs in the item, high school tuition. The increase is primarily due to an increase in rate. There is also a slight increase in enrollment. The trend in secondary school tuition charges and enrollments is upward. This is apt to continue for several more years. It is becoming increasingly apparent that some alleviation of the tax burden at local level is necessary if the children are to receive the educational opportunity they should. The state needs to re-examine, re-evaluate and revise its tax structure to meet the needs of our smaller communities.

It has been and continues to be a pleasant task to try to provide as

good an educational program as funds will permit in a school community where all parents, teachers, townspeople, school board and pupils are all striving to fulfill his or her responsibility to the whole program.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson
Superintendent of Schools

Births, Marriages and Deaths

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31st, 1954

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Date of Birth | Place of Birth | Name of Child (if any) | Name of Father | | | | Maiden name of Mother. | Birthplace of Father. | Birthplace of Mother. | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Male or Female | L'v'g or Still b. | No. of Child | Color | | | | |
| Jan. 6 | East Derry | Alfred Westley Gorton | m | 1 | 3 | w | William Alden Gorton | Dorothy C. Lewis | Hampstead, N. H. | Derry, N. H. |
| Jan 10 | Exeter, N. H. | Sandra Rose Hallinan | f | 1 | 5 | w | William E. Hallinan | Barbara E. McFarland | Brentwood, N. H. | Chester, N. H. |
| Feb. 18 | East Derry | Michael Magee | m | 1 | 10 | w | Norman T. Magee | Mary E. Gallahue | Dorchester, Mass. | So. Boston, Mass. |
| Mar. 18 | East Derry | Bonnie Mae Jacques | f | 1 | 4 | w | Carl L. Jacques | Helen M. McCarthy | Wakefield, Mass. | Reading, Mass. |
| Apr. 9 | Manchester | Linda Lou Case | f | 1 | 2 | w | Frank R. Case | Gloria J. Wells | Claremont, N. H. | Chester, N. H. |
| Apr. 17 | East Derry | Susan Clare Goddard | f | 1 | 3 | w | Richard A. Goddard | Lillian C. Boghosian | Nashua, N. H. | Dorchester, Mass. |
| June 6 | East Derry | Wm. Genthner Tenney | m | 1 | 3 | w | Eugene F. Tenney | Elsie D. Genthner | Chester, N. H. | Bremm, Maine |
| July 5 | East Derry | Alfred Neil Menard | m | 1 | 12 | w | Phillip F. Menard | Edith L. Carter | Chelsea, Mass. | Saugus, Mass. |
| July 10 | East Derry | Leland R. Henderson | m | 1 | 3 | w | Robert L. Henderson | Mary F. Parshley | Skowhegan, Maine | Derry, N. H. |
| Aug. 4 | East Derry | Patricia Anne Dugre | m | 1 | 1 | w | Maurice L. Dugre | Geraldine M. Harvey | Manchester, N. H. | Biddeford, Maine |
| Aug. 21 | Exeter, N. H. | George M. Edwards | m | 1 | 3 | w | Merton C. Edwards | Frances C. Estes | Chester, N. H. | Lynn, Mass. |
| Oct. 11 | Manchester | Janet Delores Sylvester | f | 1 | 4 | w | Francis P. Sylvester | Marguerite O. Rouleau | Manchester, N. H. | Manchester, N. H. |
| Nov. 2 | East Derry | Nancy Lee Stenhouse | f | 1 | 2 | w | Robert A. Stenhouse | Dorothy A. Kent | Boston, Mass. | Boston, Mass. |
| Nov. 25 | East Derry | Baby Nicoll | f | 1 | 4 | w | Robert T. Nicoll | Gladys E. Tewksbury | Andover, Mass. | Derry, N. H. |
| Dec. 5 | East Derry | Carol Ann Bethune | f | 1 | 3 | w | Jacob E. Bethune | Jean E. Wason | Isboro, Maine | Chester, N. H. |
| Dec. 7 | East Derry | Neal Lyman Roberts | m | 1 | 7 | w | Randolph L. Roberts | Elizabeth M. Jones | Chester, N. H. | Chester, N. H. |

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Date | Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride | Residence of each at time Marriage | Age of each | Occupation of Groom and Bride | Names of Parents | Condition | Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married. |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1953 | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 31 | Chester | Robert K. Rushton ... | Lexington | 24 | Tree Surgeon | Everett L. Rushton, Hilda Wilson | 2 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| 1954 | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 13 | Chester | Lois J. Thomann ... | Mass. | 23 | Bookkeeper | Charles E. Thomann, Frances Andersen | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Mar. 13 | Chester | James A. Stoddard, Jr. ... | Concord | 24 | Clerk | James A. Stoddard, Ruth Heseltun | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Apr. 3 | Chester | Mary E. Holden ... | Chester | 25 | Clerk | Bernard M. Sanborn, Josephine Smith | 2 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| June 20 | Chester | Robert H. Hill ... | Derry | 19 | Shoemaker | Charles A. Hill, Grace H. Cowan | 1 | LaVerne Ellis |
| Aug. 14 | Chester | Thelma E. Noyes ... | Chester | 17 | Shoemaker | Donald P. Noyes, Mary E. West | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Sept. 18 | Chester | Richard A. Nichols ... | Chester | 28 | Engineer | Roland A. Nichols, Edith A. Sanborn | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Oct. 30 | Chester | Barbara H. Deans ... | Milford | 23 | Therapist | David Deans, Jr., Annie M. Riley | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Nov. 6 | Chester | Raymond S. Bassett ... | Sandown | 30 | State Employee | Raymond K. Bassett, Priscilla Knight | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Nov. 26 | Chester | Martha E. Cox ... | Chester | 32 | Clerk | Edmund J. Cox, Annie Preston | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Nov. 27 | Chester | Waldo L. Beckford, Jr. ... | Chester | 23 | Laborer | Waldo L. Beckford, Hazel L. Pingree | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| Dec. 3 | Chester | Jacqueline Croisetiere ... | Nashua | 20 | Shoemaker | Willfred Croisetiere, Rosale Lavole | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Lester J. Lewis, Jr. ... | Chester | 26 | Truck Driver | Lester J. Lewis, Bertha G. Teague | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Claire R. Marquis ... | Derry | 20 | Stenographer | Arthur J. Marquis, Alice M. Lacasse | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Milton C. Woodard ... | Boston, Mass. | 44 | Truck Driver | James W. Woodard, Grace C. Cousen | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Bernice D. Sanderson ... | Chester | 37 | Waitress | Guy B. Sanderson, Dela J. Gannon | 2 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Joel L. Lancy, Jr. ... | Newburyport | 44 | Aircraft | Joel L. Lancy, Charlotte E. Bailey | 2 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Eleanor E. Kearney ... | Newburyport | 19 | Elec. Worker | James F. Kearney, Frances Geddey | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | James E. Dickason ... | Chester | 19 | Shoemaker | Clarence E. Dickason, Melo M. Carrow | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Shirley R. Blackler ... | Derry | 28 | Shoemaker | Harold R. Blackler, Lucy G. Winters | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Ralph R. Lewis ... | Chester | 19 | Truck Driver | Hadley E. Lewis, Bertha G. Teague | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Norma D. Morgan ... | Candia | 22 | Clerk | Frederick F. Hartford, Lillian I. Dow | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Frederick Hartford, Jr. ... | Raymond | 22 | Truck Driver | Lawrence T. Ware, Mildred L. Estes | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |
| | | Bessie L. Ware ... | Chester | 16 | At Home | | 1 | J. Stanley Dahlman |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Date of Death | Place of Death | Name and Surname of the Deceased | Age | Place of Birth | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Jan. 7 | East Derry | Charles M. Woodward | 89 | Salem, N. H. | Joel Woodward | Fannie James |
| Feb. 27 | Concord | Leon J. Simonds | 77 | Fitchburg, Mass. | Aaron Simonds | Nellie Bray |
| April 10 | East Derry | Henry M. Fitzgerald | 69 | Lynn, Mass. | James Fitzgerald | Catherine Ryan |
| April 30 | Chester | Mildred L. Fickett | 56 | Hampstead, N. H. | George A. Clough | Priscilla Small |
| June 5 | Wolfboro | Robert J. Meakin | 70 | Lynn, Mass. | Robert Meakin | Fannie Jarvis |
| June 8 | Chester | William F. Finnigan | 88 | Liverpool, England | William Finnigan | Elizabeth Taylor |
| July 21 | Manchester | Elsie B. Cook | 71 | New Hampshire | Albert H. Hardy | Ellen Nichols |
| July 23 | East Derry | Thomas F. Kirby | 70 | Fall River, Mass. | John Kirby | Mary Grandfield |
| Aug. 8 | East Derry | Harmidas N. Leclair | 66 | Manchaug, Mass. | Hermidas N. LeClair | Melvina Delano |
| Aug. 21 | Chester | Lewis C. E. Richardson | 68 | Melrose, Mass. | Lewis Richardson | Not Known |
| Sept. 12 | Chester | Lillie M. Zimmer | 73 | New York | William Miller | Christina |
| Sept. 29 | East Derry | Leland R. Henderson | 2M | East Derry | Robert Henderson | Mary F. Parshley |
| Nov. 18 | Chester | Nettie B. Morse | 80 | Chester | John C. Morse | Emily West |
| Nov. 25 | Manchester | Herbert F. Brooks | 61 | Lynn, Mass. | John Brooks | Kathleen Flanagan |

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

